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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2854

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 22, 2008

An act to add and repeal Section 65054.6 of the Government Code, relating to the California Small Business Advocate.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2854, as amended, Mendoza. California Small Business Advocate: Internet Web site.

Existing law requires the California Small Business Advocate to develop and post specified information on an Internet Web site.

This bill would, until January 1, 2014, require the advocate to establish a one-stop location on its Internet Web site for posting announcements of business-related programs, information, announcements, and services offered by state agencies, departments, commissions, boards, and other state entities and other specified information. The bill would also require the advocate, in consultation with the California Small Business Board and the California Economic Strategy Panel, to determine the programs, information, announcements, and services for posting on the Internet Web site and the format and timelines for their posting. The bill would require state agencies, departments, commissions, and boards to cooperate with the advocate in administering the one-stop location on its Internet Web site. The bill would make implementation of its provisions contingent upon funding for its purposes being provided in the annual Budget Act or other statute.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65054.6 is added to the Government 2 Code, to read:
 - 65054.6. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the California One-Stop for Business Development.
 - (b) The advocate shall establish a one-stop location on its Internet Web site for posting all of the following:
 - (1) Announcements of small business-related programs, information, announcements, and services offered by state agencies, departments, commissions, boards, and other state entities.
 - (2) Information offered by the state relating to procurement, financial literacy, management literacy, workforce development, access to capital, insurance, and business development.
 - (3) Any other programs, information, announcements, and services meeting the determinations made by the advocate pursuant to subdivision (c).
 - (c) (1) The advocate shall determine the following:
 - (A) Programs, information, announcements, and services to be posted on the Internet Web site.
 - (B) Formats for posting programs, information, announcements, and services on the Internet Web site. Any format shall be sufficiently detailed for small businesses and entities that serve small business to access any additional information from other sources.
 - (C) Timelines for posting programs, information, announcements, and services on the Internet Web site.
 - (2) The advocate shall consult with the California Small Business Board and the California Economic Strategy Panel in making the determinations required by this subdivision.
 - (d) State agencies, departments, commissions, and boards shall cooperate with the advocate in meeting the requirements of this section, including, but not limited to, providing information on the programs, information, announcements, and services that the advocate determines are required for posting on the Internet Web site.

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(e) The advocate may use hyperlinks to *Internet* Web sites of existing government and nonprofit organizations, and partner with public and nonprofit organizations to implement this section.

- (f) The advocate shall include in the report required by subdivision (b) of Section 65054.4 all of the following:
- (1) Statistics on the use of the Internet Web site and the one-stop location feature.
- (2) Summary of changes, if any, to the Internet Web site since the last report.
- (3) Recommendations for improving access, outreach, or effectiveness of the Internet Web site.
- (g) This section shall be implemented only if an appropriation is made by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, or other statute, for its purposes.
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(h) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014,
and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.